



James H. Porter Scholarship

Executive Summary

The James H. Porter Academic Scholarship began as a trust created in 1938 to benefit the education of Negro students in Georgia. It is administered by the Board of Regents of the State of Georgia. The Porter Trust provides scholarship support for the three historically black state universities in Georgia; Fort Valley State University, Albany State University, and Savannah State University. The amount allocated annually to each institution depends upon the performance of the Trust.

Porter Scholarship funds will be used to complement the University's academic scholarship program. Successful applicants will be offered awards ranging from \$500 to \$2500 towards tuition, fees, room, board, and books. The Porter Scholarship Program will pursue the following program objectives and benefits:

1. Increase the number of academically talented students who enroll at Fort Valley State University.
2. Reduce the need for student loans for FVSU scholars.
3. Add to the numbers of students engaged in community service activities.
4. Increase the numbers of students pursuing graduate degrees.

Award Criteria

Students receiving Porter Scholarships will be known as Porter Scholars. The following criteria will be used in the selection of Porter Scholars:

1. Must be Georgia residents.
2. Must be full-time undergraduate students and must earn at least 30 semester hours per academic year.
3. Must have a GPA of at least 3.0 (only CPC classes considered) and a minimum SAT score of 1000 (critical reading and mathematics) or equivalent ACT score.
4. Students with prior college attendance must meet the above criteria and have a minimum GPA of at least 3.30.
5. Renewal is not automated. Students must apply each year. Awards may be renewed if funding permits and students have maintained a GPA of at least 3.00. Awards, if renewed, are for a maximum of 4 consecutive years. Porter awards are not available for summer terms.

Performance Monitoring

Porter Scholars will be placed under the Office of the University Scholars Coordinator and will be subject to the same requirements as all University Scholars. Porter scholars will undergo the same monitoring of academic performance, must perform campus and community service activities, must represent the University at selected University events, and must take and pass at least 15 hours per semester. All scholars are required to meet with the scholars' coordinator on a monthly basis. Students are exposed to a variety of workshops including time management, study skills, career planning, graduate study, etc. Our aim is to encourage scholars to complete the undergraduate degree within four years, pursue graduate and/or professional school, and increase the numbers of students pursuing graduate degrees.